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Court of Appeal Holds Special Session to Celebrate Justice James D. Ward's Career

Riverside—The Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Two (Riverside) will celebrate the career of retiring Associate Justice James D. Ward at a special ceremonial session at 4 p.m., Wednesday, October 5, 2005, at 3389 12th Street. Justice Ward will retire from the court on October 31, 2005.

The public is invited to the special session and a reception afterward in the building's courtyard. In addition, an open house will feature artwork at the court that is on loan from local art museums and foundations.

Speakers at the court session will include retired Presiding Judge Victor Miceli of the Superior Court of Riverside County; Theresa Savage, president of the Riverside County Bar Association; and Wilfred J. Schneider, Jr., president of the San Bernardino County Bar Association.

Justice Ward was appointed to the Court of Appeal in 1996, after serving three years on the Superior Court of Riverside County. His many contributions to the bench and bar include his leadership of the Judicial Council committee that drafted new California civil jury instructions in 2003, for which he and the council received a national award. Justice Ward also chaired the State Bar Committee to Evaluate the Judicial Nominations Evaluation Committee in 1996.

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